INTEGRATED WASTE SOLUTIONS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD: ROMA GROUP LTD GOES ON THE OFFENSIVE

Roma Appraisals Ltd (), a wholly owned subsidiary of Roma Group Ltd (), Code: 8072, The Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM), The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, has issued legal proceedings in the Small Claims Tribunal, naming Fook Woo Group Holdings Ltd () – which is the former name of Integrated Waste Solutions Group Holdings Ltd () (Code: 923, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd – as the lone Defendant.

Roma Appraisals is seeking the sum of \$HK40,000 from the Defendant in respect of alleged services provided between August 2011 and November 2012.

The Small Claims Tribunal has Ordered that the Claim to be transferred to The Court of First Instance of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) 'to be dealt with HCA (High Court Action) 2377/13'.

Roma Appraisals has stated in the Statement of Claim, attached to its complaints against the Defendant, that it was engaged to provide valuation services for the Defendant 'on or around August 25, 2011'.

The cost of the services was estimated at about \$HK80,000, excluding all out-of-pocket expenses. Roma Appraisals obtained 50 percent of the appraised cost of services in advance, as is its normal practice, it is stated.

At Paragraph 24 of the Statement of Claim, it is alleged that the remaining sum of \$HK40,000 was due and owing 'on or around 31, October 2012 ...'.

Paragraph 28 states that 'On or around 25 March 2013, the Plaintiff sent a demand letter to the Defendant requesting for HK\$40,000.00 being professional fees due and owing for services provided by the Plaintiff to the Defendant'.

Then, at Paragraph 29, it is alleged that the Commercial Crime Bureau (CCB) 'invited the Plaintiff to provide information in relation to the provision of valuation services and the preparation of Valuation Reports by the Plaintiff to the Defendant, and the Plaintiff's Alan Lee gave a statement to the CCB in this respect'.

At Paragraph 31, it is alleged that the Defendant accused the Plaintiff of conspiring 'with the former management of the Defendant to commit fraudulent acts in relation to the valuation reports and/or services provided by the Plaintiff to the Defendant; and that the CCB had been notified of the Defendant's allegation'.

Paragraph 32 alleges that the Defendant stated that it 'shall not recognize and would definitely not pay the outstanding professional fees totally HK\$40,000.00 to the Plaintiff until the Defendant receive relevant investigation report from the CCB to clarify all matters'.

This is the latest twist in what appears to be never-ending saga of Integrated Waste Solutions.

In **TARGET** Intelligence Report, Volume XV, Number 235, published on Friday, December 13, 2013, headlined: 'SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED BY ORDER OF MAGISTRATE'S COURT', TARGET () outlined the matters, relating to HKSAR, High Court Action, Number 2377 of 2013, in which Roma Appraisals Ltd was listed as being the Fifth Defendant.

This exclusive report, also, made mention of the fact that the CCB had raided the offices of Integrated Waste Solutions, taking away books, records and other articles, belonging to the company.

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